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Mr David Mellor, MP
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Dear Mr Mellor,

I should like you to know of our great appreciation of the courageous stand you took on your visit to the Occupied Territories. Your remarks concerning the striking contrast between the squalor of the refugee camps and relative prosperity in the near vicinity were particularly apt to the true situation, and the publicity they have received will be welcomed by Muslims everywhere, not least those who are citizens of the United Kingdom, who will be able to associate themselves with your Government's policy in this respect.

The sight of live ammunition being used against defenceless, unarmed men, women and children touches every human heart, and if any progress is to be made the truth has to be told. You have, we believe, taken a great step forwards in stating the facts so forthrightly.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Salem Azzam

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Secretary General